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CITY OF OMER TO RECEIVE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

(LANSING)—State Senator Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) confirmed today that the State Tax Commission included the city of Omer as one of sixteen cities added to its list of Qualified Local Governmental Units under the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act.

“This designation will help to encourage the re-development of commercial and housing projects in the city, and go a long way toward ensuring a stronger, healthier, and more progressive community,” said Barcia. “By fixing up and cleaning up, the city will become a more attractive place in which to live and do business.”

As a qualified unit, the city of Omer is allowed to use three effective economic development tools including *Brownfield Redevelopment Incentives* that provide brownfield tools for the re-development of contaminated, blighted and functionally obsolete sites and also allows the community to apply for Single Business Tax (SBT) credits; *Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption* that serves to complement the brownfield redevelopment activities; and *Neighborhood Enterprise Zones* that will provide property tax incentives for new home construction and home rehabilitation.

State Senator Jim Barcia represents the 31st Senate District, which includes Arenac, Bay, Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola counties. He is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, where he serves as Vice-Chair of the subcommittees on Agriculture, Environmental Quality, Natural Resources, and Transportation.

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